IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously Amended): An optical recording medium which comprises a print-receiving layer as the outermost layer on the side opposite to a light incidence side,

wherein a pattern is present on the print-receiving layer and the print-receiving layer

comprises a cation resin.

Claim 2 (Original): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the entire area of the outermost layer consists of the print-receiving layer.

Claim 3 (Original): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the print-receiving layer is printable with a water base ink by means of an ink jet printer.

Claim 4 (Previously Amended): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the print-receiving layer contains fine particles having an average particle size of at most 200 nm and is printable with a water base ink by means of an ink jet printer.

Claims 5-16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The optical recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the print-receiving layer comprises from 30 to 50 wt.% of fine particles of an inorganic substance.

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